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## **City of Riverside to Name Gary Geuss City Attorney**

*Veteran of Los Angeles City Attorney's Office Scheduled to Start April 13*

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Gary Geuss, a 26-year veteran of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office who supervises legal operations for some of that city's largest departments, including the Port of Los Angeles, Los Angeles International Airport and the Department of Water and Power, has been named City Attorney in Riverside.

The Riverside City Council, which selected Geuss from six finalists, is scheduled to approve a contract with him at a City Council meeting on Tuesday. Geuss will be introduced to the community at 2 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 3900 Main St. He is scheduled to start in Riverside on April 13.

"Gary Geuss brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from his post in Los Angeles, where he has worked his way up through the ranks during a distinguished career in municipal law," Mayor Rusty Bailey said. "His weighty responsibilities there demonstrate the level of confidence Los Angeles has placed in him, which speaks volumes about why he is the right person for Riverside."

Geuss will assume supervision of the Riverside City Attorney's Office, which includes 23 people, of which 12 are attorneys. The Office has been led most recently by Interim City Attorney Kristi Smith, who has been a Supervising Deputy City Attorney, the second-highest position in the office, since 2006.

"The Riverside City Attorney's Office enjoys an excellent reputation in the legal community, and I am excited about the opportunity to lead such a fine organization," said Geuss, a 15-year associate with the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Geuss (pronounced Gice) received his B.A. in political science from California State University Northridge and his Juris Doctor from Southwestern School of Law in Los Angeles. After working as a litigation associate at a Los Angeles firm and as an arbitrator, he joined the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office in 1989.

Geuss has handled the legal affairs of a wide variety of city departments and advised a number of high-profile boards and commissions with oversight of various facets of Los Angeles city government. He worked in the criminal branch and civil liability division as a Deputy City Attorney before becoming a Senior Assistant City Attorney, Civil Litigation; Chief Assistant City Attorney, Civil Liability Management; then Branch Chief, Proprietary and Risk Management since 2013.

His salary will be \$265,000.